(ग) क्या राज्य के अहमदाबाद, बड़ोदरा, राजकोट, सूरत और जामनगर शहरों में उक्त योजना के कार्यान्वयन पर विशेष बल देते हुए कोई ज्ञापन प्राप्त हुआ है; और

(घ) क्या योजना आयोग ने उक्त शहरों में इस प्रयोजनार्थ कोई अतिरिक्त धनराशि प्रदान की है?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र कुमार भगतराम अलघ): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) उपर्युक्त (क) की दृष्टि से प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) 1996-97 के दौरान गुजरात को मलिन बस्ती विकास हेतु अतिरिक्त केन्द्रीय सहायता के रूप में 14.27 करोड़ रुपये उपलब्ध कराए गए हैं।

Budgetary Funds to CIDC

3903. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the "Financial Express" dated the 14th February, 1997, pointing out that his Ministry "is bending backward to provide Budgetary funds to CIDC amounting to Rs. 3.71 crore despite objections raised by the Ministry of Finance"; and

(b) if so, the present status of the Construction Industry Development Council and the head Government made under which provisions for releasing money giving the reasons therefor as well as details of "objections" raised by the Finance Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A meeting of the Standing Finance Committee of the Ministry of Planning was held on 19.3.1997. The Committee, *inter-alia*, decided that a one-time grant (not exceeding Rs. 3.71 crore) may be released to the Council, keeping in view terms and conditions stipulated in case of other grantee institutions. As per the earlier decision, the Council was to be registered as a Company and funds were to be provided under "capital' head". However, the Council has since been registered as a Society and the funds are, therefore, required to be provided under revenue head. Funds have not been released so far.

Failure in Implementation of Development Programmes during Eighth Five year Plan

3904. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether many development programmes and projects of Eighth five Year Plan have failed to deliver the results because of failures in their implementation;

(b) whether the time and cost overruns in infrastructure projects have been substantial; and

(c) if so, measures Government contemplating to improve projects implementation and delivery mechanisms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) As per information available with the Department of Programme Implementation, out of 516 central projects costing Rs. 20 crores and more, expected to be completed during the Eighth Plan, 251 projects are reported to have been completed, till 31.12.96.

(b) As on 1.1.1997 out of 410 central projects under implementation and on the monitor of DPI, 387 projects were in the infrastructure sector. Sectorwise time and cost overrun is given in Statement I (*see below*)

(c) Details of steps being taken to reduce delay in the implementation of projects are enclosed as Statement-II

STATEMENT-I

Extent of time & cost overrun of infrastructure & core sectors Projects with respect to original schedule

(As on 31.12.96)

Sl. No.	Sector	No. of Projects	Total Cost (Rs. CRS)			Proj. with time & cost over run			
			Original	Anticipated	Cost over run (%)	No.	Original Cost	Anticipated Cost	Range (Mo)
1.	Atomic Energy (Power Proj.)	2	1442.3	4382.0	203.8	2	1442.3	4382.0	35-36
2.	Civil Aviation	13	1808.8	2190.6	21.1	7	423.5	805.3	9-57
3.	Coal	72	10742.4	13621.5	26.8	12	796.2	2110.1	12-165
4.	Fertiliser	7	4253.9	5066.6	19.1	2	1474.8	1553.0	2-19
5.	Steel & Iron Ore	12	7172.4	12997.4	81.2	2	3818.0	9136.5	24-54
6.	Petro. & Natural Gas	42	25514.0	27028.5	5.9	7	2966.6	5631.3	8-58
7.	Power	39	23658.6	46339.7	95.9	22	8035.1	17764.6	3-182
8.	Railways	123	16860.4	24881.0	47.6	51	5571.3	11976.6	3-219
9.	Surface Transport	38	4302.8	5738.7	33.4	18	1638.1	2561.9	2-102
10.	Tele-Communication	39	1815.8	1815.8	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	-
	Total	387	97571.5	144061.8	47.6	123	26165.8	55921.3	

Statement-II

Steps taken by the Government to Streamline for preparing the original estimates and implementation of projects for reducing overruns.

(i) Two-stage project approval for facilitating adequate preparation, environmental and other clearances and infrastructure planning at state I before a project is finally approved for implementation at stage II.

(ii) Proper monitoring of projects at regular intervals, at various levels to identify constraints and take remedial measures.

(iii) Indepth review of the progress by the project authorities and Administrative Ministries.

(iv) Setting up of Task Force/Empowered Committees for speedy finalsation of contract packages, solving land acquisition and other problems.

(v) Close follow up by the concerned administrative Ministries and project authorities with the State Government, equipment suppliers, contractors, consultants and other concerned agencies to minimise delays.

(vi) Inter-ministerial coordination.

(vii) Increase in weight to project implementation in the MOUs between the PSUs and the administrative Ministries/Departments for 1997-98.

Annual outlay for the North Eastern States

3905. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the norms for the annual plan outlays for developed States, developing States and backward States, specially for the North Eastern States; and

(b) whether Government have any intention to give special treatment to the backward States in allotting funds in order to bring equilibrium in the country?